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IPD reaches out to Fall Creek Place residents through roving roll call, crime watch program

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) will conduct a roving roll call within the Fall Creek Place Homeownership Zone. In addition, new and existing residents will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from IPD's crime watch program.

The roving roll call program "brings the police to the neighborhoods" by having officers meet in neighborhoods between shifts in a mobile community outreach police station van. Funded through a federal grant, the program has annually visited almost every neighborhood in the North District since its inception two years ago.

WHEN: September 10, 2002

Roll Call activities will take place at 1:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Fall Creek Place

24th & Alabama

Since May, more than 40 new homeowners have moved into Fall Creek Place, a 26-block area that had lost more than 80 percent of its housing stock between 1956 and 1999 due to poverty and neglect. Within the next two years it is anticipated that approximately 265 new families and individuals will move into the neighborhood. In the first two phases of the project, 149 new homes have been sold, with another 60 lots reserved by potential buyers.

"IPD's involvement in the revitalization of Fall Creek Place is a very important ingredient to the neighborhood's success," said Maury Plambeck, director of the Department of Metropolitan Development. "Their continued presence in the neighborhood has strengthened relationships between IPD and existing residents, and will continue to do so as new homeowners move into the area."

The revitalization of Fall Creek Place is the result of a \$4 million Homeownership Zone grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant is part of a project designed by a partnership between the city, Mansur Real Estate Services, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and King Park Area Development Corporation.

Infrastructure improvements such as new streets, sidewalks, curbs, sewers and street lighting were made possible through a \$10 million bond that was approved by the City-County Council last year. Construction is already underway on the eastside of the neighborhood. Completion of the entire Fall Creek Place project is anticipated in 2004.

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